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12 **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

13 In compliance with Applicant's and his attorney's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR
14 1.56, the Applicant does hereby submit the following Information Disclosure Statement,
15 Form PTO - 1449, and copies of the references listed thereon.

16 A patent search was manually conducted for the invention described in the above-
17 referenced patent application. In the course of the search, no patents were found for an
18 apparatus that has the same structural features or that operates in the same manner such as the
19 invention listed above. The following two (2) patents, however, were noted as being of
20 interest and are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention as references AA - AB. The
21 significance of each listed reference is as follows:

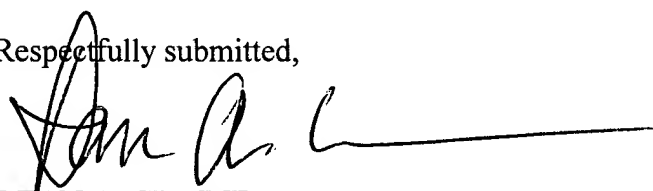
22 AA. U.S. Patent No. 5,845,989 (Leen) discloses a halogen work light with an
23 integral spare bulb container. The spare bulb container is attached to the support frame of the

1 halogen work light by welding. The spare bulb container includes a tubular housing and a
2 pair of end pieces that friction fit into the ends of the housing. The end pieces include
3 longitudinal holes for receiving the ends of the halogen bulb.

4 AB. U.S. Patent No. 5,695,278 (Grossman et al.) discloses a portable halogen bulb
5 work light fixture formed with a housing forming a bulb containing cavity and a light-
6 emitting opening. A peripheral frame, a frame handle extending outwardly from one side of
7 the frame. A top handle is located above the frame and a bulb storage compartment is
8 located in the top handle.

9 The Applicant and his attorney submit that the above-cited references taken alone or
10 in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. None of the
11 references disclose or claim a work light including an elongate halogen bulb container that
12 opens at one end and is closed at the opposite end. Also included are one support disposed
13 adjacent to the closed end of the bulb container and an end piece disposed in the open end of
14 the tubular body, thus holding the spare halogen bulb in a suspended position inside the
15 container. The listed references relate only to the general field of the disclosure and do not
16 constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims; they are
17 cited only as constituting the closest art of which the Applicant and his attorney are aware.

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19 Respectfully submitted,

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